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## MINING.

**GOLD MINERS' ASSOCIATION.**—Gold miners throughout the Province are now generally aware of the date of the preliminary meeting to organize the Gold Miners' Association, and a large number have already signified their intention of being present at THE CRITIC Office on Wednesday, November 9th, at 2 p.m. We desire to see a large and representative meeting of miners and mine-owners, and therefore again call attention to the matter, and trust that all interested in mining will take a note of the date of the meeting, and be on hand with as many of their friends as possible.

All mining men admit the necessity of an association, but for want of some one to take the initiative, year after year has rolled by, and nothing has been accomplished. At the earnest request of a number of mining men the Editor of THE CRITIC has taken the initiative, and has issued a call for the meeting, placing THE CRITIC Office at the disposal of the miners.

If the association is to be the success that it is intended to be, the greatest care should be exercised in its formation and in the selection of its officers. Its chief aim should be the advancement of the mining cause, and with that end in view, care should be taken that interested cliques or parties with selfish motives do not gain the control. It therefore behooves every mining man in the Province to be on the alert and prepared to attend the preliminary meeting. We will not go into the objects of the association, as they have been repeatedly dilated upon by us; but we should like to dwell on one point, and that is the simplifying and improving of the Mining Act. If changes in the Act are to be made, they should, first of all, be placed before the mining community for their approval. At present only a few of the mining men are consulted, and they would naturally be prejudiced in favor of legislation that would prove beneficial to them. There is, therefore, at present grave danger that interested parties may secure legislation beneficial to themselves, but ruinous to the mining interests at large. The only way to avoid this danger, is to form a Mining Association, which by its numbers should command the attention of the Government, and prove an important factor in the shaping of mining legislation. The Commissioner of Mines, we are certain, would take into favorable consideration any amendments to the Mining Act recommended by an association of gold miners; in fact would only be too pleased in having their support.

The coal owners have an association; and last session it was the means of defeating legislation, which, if passed, would have prejudicially affected every coal mining title in the Province.

The coal owners have proved the necessity of an association, and the gold miners will, on the 9th of November, follow their wise example.

**GOLD RIVER DISTRICT.**—Dropping into Mr. Wm. F. Foster's office, on Connors' Wharf, we were shown a large drawer full of gold specimens that were taken from some areas at Gold River. Every piece of quartz was studded with coarse gold, and the display was most inviting. The property, which consists of 21 areas, is owned by Messrs. Gammon, Fulton & Foster. They have been prospecting off and on for the past six months with a crew of six men, and have opened some 12 leads, five of which show gold. The specimens were taken from a 20 inch lead, the shaft on which is now down some 35 feet, and which has proved rich from the time it was opened up. At the surface they struck an angular fully 15 feet thick, and sinking on it they discovered the rich 20 inch lead, and followed it down. They have also stripped it for a long distance on the surface.

**WHITEBURN DISTRICT.**—Geo. A. Hawsworth, J. T. McCormack, and others of Annapolis, have taken some fine specimens from a lead they are working near the celebrated McGuire mine at Whiteburn, Queen's Co. The lead is 20 inches in thickness, and the shaft is now down 30 feet. The lead is of barrel quartz formation, and the prospects are that they have opened up a valuable mine.

**RAWDON GOLD DISTRICT.**—A promising gold lead has been found on the Church Hill, Casey Farm, Rawdon. James Cope, an Indian, was the discoverer, and a company, composed of Messrs. Gould Northup, Capt. Joshua Smith, James Britton, and Alex. Thompson, has been formed to work it.

**SALE OF COAL PROPERTY.**—It is reported that Judge Tremain's coal property, adjoining the Gowrie Mine at Cow Bay, has been sold. The particulars are not at hand.

A friend sends us a prospectus of the Perry Creek Gold Mining Company (Limited) of Kootenay District, British Columbia. The capital stock is \$75,000, in shares of one dollar each. The prospectus is very neatly drawn up, and proves that the gold miners of British Columbia understand the benefit of printer's ink. The mine is an alluvial one, and is on Perry Creek, "distant about 12 miles from Wild Horse Creek, out of which over two million pounds sterling worth of gold has been extracted." "Thou art so near and yet so far."

Negotiations are pending for the acquirement of iron properties by American capitalists, in one of the principal coal and iron districts of Nova Scotia.

Coal properties in one of the principal coal fields of Nova Scotia are also bonded to American capitalists, who have a view to the future coal and iron industries of the Province.

The fine copper deposits on the Pugwash River are worthy of attention from capitalists. A recent inspection of this locality leads one to believe that a large deposit of this valuable metal is there, and from its close proximity to shipment, it will no doubt in time prove highly valuable.